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GIPSA Alleges Joe John Garcia Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6, 2015 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Joe John Garcia (Garcia), Albuquerque, N.M.:

- failed to pay, and pay when due, the purchase price of livestock; and
- issued a check in payment for livestock and failed to have and maintain sufficient funds on deposit and available in the account when the check was presented for payment.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Garcia on Oct. 15, 2015. The complaint can be found on the GIPSA website: www.gipsa.usda.gov/psp/enforcement.aspx. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Garcia may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and/or assessed a civil penalty.

Garcia was engaged in the business of a livestock dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account; is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a livestock dealer to buy or sell livestock in commerce for his own account; and as a market agency to buy livestock in commerce on a commission basis.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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